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**TO THE COURT FILE  
PER JUDGE SWEET**

**Via Email Only: slcjudge5@circuit19.org**

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Honorable Gary L. Sweet  
St. Lucie County Courthouse  
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GARY L. SWEET  
CIRCUIT JUDGE

Re: State of Florida v. Michael Beer  
Case No: 562014 CF 003032A

Dear Judge Sweet:

In preparation of the sentencing hearing on Monday in this matter, enclosed are the character reference letters we have received on behalf of our client, Michael Beer.

Sincerely,

Lance P. Richard

Dear Judge Gary Sweet,

My name is Amy Beer. My brother is Michael Beer.

My brother, Michael, is a kind, loving man. He is a good husband, father and brother. My brother is hard working. He loves his family with all his heart. My brother took his children to church every Sunday. My brother is not capable of hurting a child. My brother is very loyal to his family and friends. He would do anything he could to help his family and friends. He doesn't believe in spanking his children, he believes in talking to his children and putting them on timeout when necessary. My brother has always loved children, he would never hurt a child.

Respectfully,

Amy Beer

Anthony Campbell

4103 Portsmouth Court,  
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July 15, 2018

The Honorable Judge Gary Sweet

RE: Sentencing of Michael Beer

Dear Judge Gary Sweet,

I am the nephew of Michael Beer working in the Financial Tech industry as an Operations Specialist for the last 10 years.

I am aware that my uncle was found guilty of manslaughter in regards to a child that he was fostering. In light of this circumstance, I would like to offer my full support and endorsement of my uncle's good character.

Obviously, as my uncle I have known him all my life. Until the day he made the decision to move to the state of Florida I would see him all the time at my grandmother's house as we are a very tight knit family. My uncle is one of 11 children raised single handedly by my grandmother. My grandmother instilled discipline, hard work, integrity, and faith in her children and those lessons have been passed down to her grandchildren as well. My uncle loves kids, whenever I would see him he would ask me how everything was going in school and if I was struggling in any area he would offer assistance in any way he could. Even after he moved to Florida my uncle was always in touch and if he was told anyone was not living up to the standards that were set by my grandmother he would immediately call them out on it.

You can see simply from the fact that he became a foster parent that he cares deeply about helping others. Most people speak of doing the right thing but my uncles actions speak to it. I have written my uncle while he has been locked up and his responses do not really speak to his own situation but rather to how my children are doing and the rest of the family. I asked him how he has been spending his time and his response is he has been spending time teaching some of the other prisoners.

In no way do I disregard what has transpired as I feel terrible for the loss of the child, but my uncle is no evil man. I am sure without the shadow of a doubt that whatever transpired was the result of a freak accident and not anything malicious.

Thank you for your time

Anthony Campbell



7/25/18

Honorable Judge Gary Sweet,

I am writing on behalf of my brother Michael Beer. I have never written on anyone's behalf so I hope I get this right. Michael is a hard working family man who loves his family very much. He goes to church every Sunday and truly believes that God has a plan for everything including this bump in the road. I know my brother is innocent and would not hurt a fly! Michael loves God first, family second then football. He had plan on adopting the children in his class. When one of them was admitted to the hospital Michael was the one who stay with them overnight to make sure they were getting the best care. Even in prison Michael is teaching other prisoners to read and write. Michael started a prayer group there. My brother Michael is a person who anyone would be proud and honor to have as a friend or brother.

Truly,

Cheryl L. Beer

Cheryl L. Beer

Honorable Gary Sweet

Dear Sir,

This concerns my brother Michael Beer. He is an honorable man and humble man. He takes care of his family. He took all the children to church so they would know our God and to understand his ways and plans for each of them. Michael is very trustworthy man as he had watch my son a few times and I don't let just anyone watch him when he was a youngster. So I know he is trustworthy. He is an excellent father and husband. He would make sure his family had what they needed first and then provide them with a few of their wants when he got paid from his job. So in order for him to provide these things for his family he had to work hard so they would not lack anything the family needed. Trustworthy goes hand in hand with him being a loyal person and father. He never disrespected anyone. If you needed anything like an ear to listen, time to just have company or if you were in need of clothes, he would give you his. Also to be trustworthy you must be honest and I know Michael is because he is a Godly man who does God's will in the jail that you have him in. He teaches the Bible and have prayer meetings with the other inmates to keep them from getting further into trouble.

I also did research on this guilty charge Sir and I am confused. I am not a Lawyer and don't know Florida laws

To Whom It May Concern,

Our names are Eric and Amy Redding, and we were friends with Michael Beer for almost 8 years. During this time, our families interacted often. Whether it was NFL football Sundays at our houses, or even a shared cruise, we spent many hours together. We only saw Michael Beer as a sweet, caring, and patient father and friend. He was a loving father to his own daughter, Gabriella, and even to our own daughter, Samantha. I would have trusted him with our child's life. During this time, I did not witness him react angrily or violently with either Gabriella, or even his foster kids. He was the prototypical father in many ways.

As a teacher, I also had the privilege of seeing Michael through the lens of an educator. Michael was going to school to become a teacher, and would often work long, hard hours on his school duties in addition to his responsibilities at home. When working with Michael at school, I saw the same qualities he exhibited with our families. He was great subbing for me, taking over my class seamlessly. He was one of the most requested subs, with everyone wanting to book him for a potential absence. We would often trade stories, and I would be amazed as he would tell me of reaching even the toughest kids I couldn't seem to crack.

This letter serves as a testimonial for a man with whom we spent a lot of time with, and saw nothing but a kind heart, and gentle disposition. If you have any more questions, please don't hesitate to contact us at the address or phone number below.

Thank you,

Eric and Amy Redding

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Honorable Judge Gary Sweet.

My name is Francis Beez and I am writing this on behalf of my baby brother Michael. He is the second youngest of 12 of us. I don't believe that he could have hurt Tristan or anyone else. We have so many nieces and nephews and great nieces and nephews that are little that I know he nor anyone else in my family could ever hurt a little one. He is a family loving man and a hard working man who took care of his family.

My mom is in your courtroom today as you pass sentence on my brother and she can tell you that none of her children could ever do something to hurt a little one. Please take this and all the other letters into consideration before you pass sentence.

Thank you in advance

Francis H Beez

06 July 2018

Your Honor,

I am writing to you as a character reference for my uncle, Michael Beer. He was recently convicted by a jury of his peers to the charge of aggravated manslaughter.

As you can imagine a crime of this nature is devastating. It is devastating to the family of Trysten Adams, to the community, to Michael's ex-wife and to the whole Beer family. I have 3 children of my own and to think that someone I have been so enamored by for 36 years could commit such a crime is heart wrenching. I have some solace though. It's very simple actually. I have known Michael since I was born, and I have never known him to be abusive or cruel in any manner. He has always been a loving and nurturing person and I am disappointed that the evidence presented was not enough for the jury to lean in favor of a not guilty verdict. There is nothing in me that believes he was capable of taking the life of Trysten.

Let me start by saying that we have a huge family. Michael is the 11<sup>th</sup> child of 12 children born to Mary Beer and he has always been my favorite uncle. My fondest memory of him was the Christmas of 1991. I was 9 years old and was incredibly smitten with the television show, "90210." Santa visited my house that year and placed 4 of the 5 90210 barbie dolls under my Christmas tree and I was THRILLED! At the time Uncle Michael lived with my grandmother in Trenton, NJ and every Saturday my mom would take us over to the house to visit my grandmother. On this particular Saturday I was permitted to bring a couple toys with me, and of course I brought the 90210 dolls. Michael came down the stairs when we (my brothers and I) arrived and he proceeded to ask us questions about our Christmas and what Santa left for us under the tree. I excitedly told him all about my 90210 barbie dolls and showed him the ones I had with me. I remember telling him that I only need Kelly to complete my collection and that I would ask my mom to get her for me for my birthday in April. Michael and I talked for a little while longer, but he was an adult and had some adult things to do, so I hung out with my grandmother and a couple cousins for the remainder of my time at the house. An hour or so went by, then the front door opened and in came my Uncle Michael with a bag in his hand. He handed it to me and said, "Merry Christmas." Inside the bag was the 5<sup>th</sup> 90210 barbie doll, Kelly. I was overjoyed. At that time, I thought it was the nicest thing anyone had ever done for me. I have never forgotten that Christmas and the kindness and love my uncle showed me. He loved me so much and would do anything for me, so that is the Uncle I know and love. He is not a person that hurts or pains others. He brings joy and comfort.

Fast forward, many years later when Michael has his own child, Gabriella. To say he adored her would be an understatement. Gabriella was and is his whole world and reason for living. Him and Michelle (ex-wife) love Gabriella so much they embarked on the journey of attempting to have another child, even though it was dangerous for Michelle because she had Lupus. They tried anyway and lost their second child at 30(?) weeks. It was a devastating time for them both and they decided to put their love of children to work by fostering instead having any more of their own.

I'm not 100% sure of all the children they fostered, but I do remember their first two children being African American. The oldest child had some behavioral issues and proved to be very difficult to handle but was shown love from my uncle. He treated him like his own. I remember when Michael called me because he was so concerned about not knowing how to style an African American child's hair. I walked him through what types of products to use on his hair to how often it should be washed. The care and

attention my uncle devoted to something as simple as hair for a child, leads me to believe he is still the same uncle that went out to get that 90210 doll for me those many years ago.

I know the verdict has been reached and my Uncle has been convicted of a horrific crime, but I felt obligated to write on his behalf, so you would know the type of person he really is. I wasn't at the trial, so I can't make a judgment as to if his defense did a good enough job. All I can say is that my Uncle Michael has always been my favorite and has always been kind and warm. I don't believe he could ever commit such a crime and I hope you have some ability to give him a lenient sentence.

Thank you for your time. If you need to validate the authenticity of this statement I can be reached at (609) 802-9464.

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Judge Gary Sweet:

I am writing to inform you about Michael Beer Character.

Michael is a great father. He would do anything for his kids. He loves them all very much. I know Michael has never hit any of his kids, he doesn't believe in this. He only gives them time out when necessary, which was rarely ever.

He is a very hard working man, always supports his family anyway he can. Michael is a very religious man and he believes that his children always came first.

Although Michael's mom & brothers & sisters live in New Jersey, Maryland, PR, Virginia & North Carolina, Arizona if we need him, he would be there.

With his children he is Mr. Mom. He took the kids everywhere with him; church, park, swimming, bowling, wherever he went (when not working) his kids were with him. He kept a diaper bag in his van for the kids.

What happened to his son Tristan was a tragedy. Michael was devastated. He lost his newborn daughter, and now he lost his son. Yes, Michael called him his son.

Michael wanted to adopt all 3 children in January.

Michael has always loved children. He wanted to have a big family and now because of this injustice he lost everything, his wife, all of his children.

I am asking for leniency for Michael. He is such a good man. He has never ever been in trouble with the law. He is a law abiding citizen.

Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely  
Linda Campbell

The Honorable Judge Gary Sweet,

Dear Judge Sweet this letter concerns my brother Michael Beer. Michael is a hard working, loving father. He always made sure that his children had what they needed. He took his children to church each Sunday because he is very devout in his religion. Michael is very loyal to his family and friends. He is a kind and loving man. Your Honor in my heart I know that Michael did not hurt his son and is innocent. I am praying that he gets released soon and that his attorney's appeal is approved and he gets a second chance to prove his innocence.

Sincerely,

Margaret Sawadzki

*Margaret Sawadzki*

Honorable Judge Gary Sweet,

My name is Mary Beer, I am the mother of Michael Beer.

My son has always loved children, his many friends from school had younger siblings that he adored. He did not and would not harm anyone.

This child that he is accused of causing his death is unreal as he took care of him and his sisters like they were his own. He always referred to them as his son and daughters. Michael took them to church and many times to Disney's Water World for the day and sometimes for a weekend.

My son was a loving father to them.

Michael could not hurt this child as he always treated him as "my son" when he talked to me on the phone.

Therefore, I cannot see him hurting a small boy whom it loved.

Sincerely,

Mary J. Beer

The Honorable Judge Gary Sweet,

This letter is about my Uncle Michael Beer.

My Uncle has always taken the best care for me when I was little. I always felt safe and very loved. It was always fun when he was around, he would play games, chase us and took us out where we wanted to go. As I got older it was awesome to see him with his own children. He made sure that their provisions were provided for. He did whatever he could for them. They went to church every Sunday, he would call the family and let us all know how proud he was of his children and how amazing his children and family were, as well as all of their accomplishments. I know that My Uncle is innocent and I pray and have faith that his appeal will be granted and his innocence will be proven.

Sincerely,  
Susan Sawadzki  
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